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Our Case No. 5404/154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Minoru Kuroda et al.)	
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International Serial No.)	
PCT/JP2004/019726)	Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
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U.S. Serial No.: Applied for)	
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Title: STEP PILE FABRIC AND)	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: